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Dear Larry:

With reference to your letter to me of May 6, 1971 concerning change in my annuity survivorship benefits, the White House legal staff has examined the C.I.A. Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees, with particular reference to Sections 233 and 271(b) of that Act. In their opinion, the Director has the authority to recall me to duty, then permit me to revert to retired status at which time I could elect reduced annuity with survivorship benefits.

In short, it would appear that were the Director willing, he could recall me for, say, a day or a week, after which I could opt for survivorship benefits.

May I ask that you re-examine my situation in light of the foregoing, and if it squares with your own interpretation of the pertinent Sections of the Act, lay the matter before Mr. Helms for his decision?

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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